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1. The following buildings and installations at Parow airfield were destroyed during the war: workshops, garages, munition bunkers, fuel bunkers, hangars and some of the barracks. None of the foundations were damaged and many of the buildings are being rebuilt.
2. The whole airfield area is on well-drained level ground and is provided with water and electricity. The airfield is covered with concrete and has landing strips which project 15 meters into the water on a gradient of 5 to 10 percent. These strips are 750 mm thick and rest on concrete piles. There is neither a radio station nor a wind indicator on the field. About 20 Russian soldiers are stationed at the field, although the barracks are occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 Seepolizei men. The officers' houses are occupied by civilians. (See attachment A).
3. The salt mines at Jessenitz in Kreis Hagenow, Mecklenburg, were used during the war as an ammunition depot by the Germans. After the end of the war, the Russians destroyed the ammunition which they found there and cleared the mines. From the end of 1949 until the beginning of 1951, the mines were guarded by a Volkspolizei unit. In the past few months, large numbers of trucks coming from the direction of Schwerin and Ludwigslust have brought ammunition here. A Russian guard unit and a Russian artillery battery are stationed here. The latter carry out daily firing practice with shells reportedly falling about 18 kilometers east of the mine. The whole area, which covers about 1,000 hectares, is surrounded by a wire fence four meters high. (See attachment B).

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